THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Term of Kelkar Committee was extended by a period of 6 months to perform the function of reviewing any representation received by the Government regarding any discrepancies, anomalies etc. in the list of drugs of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and give recommendations. However, any decision in respect of Category I drugs shall only be taken as par the advice of the Health Ministry.

Price Control of codeine

2333. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee excluded Codeine, which is widely used in cough syrups and analgesics from price control on the grounds that the same is controlled under the Narcotics Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Narcotics Act only controls distribution and not price; and

(c) if so, whether Codeine will be brought under price control as its turnover runs in many crores and its production is not under competitive structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Kelkar Committee recommended exclusion of Codeine from price control. It noted that the three Opioid analgesics-codeine, Morphine and Petnidine—are already controlled by other Government agencies as Narcoties. All these three are produced by Government agencies and no private producer is allowed to enter in this field. Shortages of these drugs have been felt very often. Considering all these, the Committee desired that these drugs be omitted from price control under Category II.

Order for valves by Maharashtra gas Cracker Complex

2334. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of orders placed by the Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex for the supply of Industrial and Control valves during the last two years; and

(b) on which Indian or overseas suppliers these orders were placed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) During 1986-87, M|s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited has placed orders to the extent of Rs. 4.81 crores for the supply of valves for its Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex (MGCC). During 1985-86, however, no orders for supply of valves for MGCC were placed.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

List of suppliers on whom orders were placed for supply of valves for MGCC

Safety/Pressure Relief Valves

(i) Electrical Steam and Mining Equipment Co., U.K.

(ii) Fema Inc., Italy

(iii) Nordon and CIE, France

(iv) BHEL, India

(v) Instrumentation Ltd., India

(vi) Moorco India Ltd., India